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SUBJ: SECURITY ASSISTANCE OBJECTIVES AND GUIDELINES - 1976-80

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1. UNITED STATES SECURITY ASSISTANCE SUDAN LIMITED TO CONUS TRAINING PROGRAM OF \$25,000 FOR FY 74. THIS PITIFULLY SMALL PROGRAM FOR COUNTRY SIZE SUDAN WHERE MILITARY PLAYS PREPONDERANT ROLE IN GOVERNMENT HAS, NEVERTHELESS, BEEN MOST HELPFUL UNDERLINING IMPORTANCE WE ATTACH GOOD USG/SUDAN RELATIONS, PROVIDING HIGHLY APPRECIATED SPECIAL TRAINING AND ORIENTATION TRIPS AND IN INCREASING EMBASSY CONTACTS WITH KEY OFFICERS.

2. FROM PRESIDENT NIMEIRI ON DOWN, CONSIDERABLE NUMBER KEY SUDANESE OFFICERS (BOTH THOSE RETIRED AND NOW IN CABINET AND SENIOR FIELD COMMANDERS) HAD TRAINING COURSE IN US PRIOR 1967 WHICH LEFT THEM WITH MOST FAVORABLE IMPRESSION. AS EXAMPLE, NIMEIRI STILL IN CONTACT WITH FAMILY WITH WHOM HE STAYED DURING FT LEAVENWORTH CGSC TOUR AND CALLED NEWEST COURSE CANDIDATE SEVERAL WEEKS AGO TO ASSURE HE WOULD CARRY ON THIS CONTACT.

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3. EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS LINE ITEM FOR SUDANESE CONUS TRAINING BEING

REESTABLISHED FY 75 AT LEVEL \$50,000. WHILE THIS CLEARLY IMPROVE-
MENT OVER CURRENT YEARS TOKEN FIGURE, IT WOULD STILL FALL SHORT OF
NEEDS AS WE SEE THEM HERE FOR HIGH-IMPACT ON-GOING PROGRAM. NOW THAT
FRILL DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS RESUMED, INCLUDING IMMINENT REOPENING
DEFENSE ATTACHE OFFICE KHARTOUM, I BELIEVE SOMETHING BIT MORE
SUBSTANTIAL REQUIRED ENABLE US MEET AT LEAST SOME OF FOLLOWING
NEEDS: (A) TWO SUDANESE OFFICER SPACES CGSC ANNUALLY AS WE BELIEVE
TURE PRIOR 1967; (B) INCREASE IN NUMBER SPECIAL ADVANCED TRAINING
COURSES, SUCH AS ADVANCED INFANTRY TRAINING FORT BENNING,
FROM TWO TO FOUR ANNUALLY; (C) SHORT ORIENTATION TOURS INCREASED
TO AT LEAST FOUR ANUALLY OF MINIMUM THREEE WEEKS' DURATION
EACH (CURRENT FINANCIAL STRINGENCIES LIMITED FY 74 TOURS TO INADE-
QUATE TWO WEEKS ONLY); AND (D) MODEST ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL
FLEXIBILITY IN ORDER PERMIT US BE RESPONSIVE AD HOC SPECIAL
REQUESTES FOR PARTICULAR TRAINING WHICH WE
ANTICIPATE FROM PEOPLES ARMED FORCES IN FUTURE, ALONG LINES
HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL IG RPT IG COURSE EARLIER THIS YEAR.
WHILE WE NOT IN POSTION TO PUT PRECISE DOLLAR PRICE TAG ON FOREGOING
EMBASSY BELIEVES AN ANNUAL FIGURE OF ONLY \$50,000 WOULD BE
INADEQUATE ACHIEVE THESE GOALS DURING FY 75.
EMBASSY WILL SUBMIT ADDITIONAL DETAILS FOLLOWING
REVIEW AND DISCUSSION WITH NEW DATT EXPECTED TO BE ON BOARD
BY END JULY.

5. AS TO THE VARIOUS REQUESTS PARA 1. B. (REFTEL), NEITHER TIME
AVAILABLE HERE NOR MODEST AND LIMITED NATURE SUDANESE PROGRAM
WOULD APPEAR REQUIRE DETAILED RESPONSE. DEPARTMENT AND DOD
ARE REFERRED EMBASSY A-102, DATED DEC 14, 1973, WHICH
CONTAINS DETAILED INFO ON SIZE, MISSION, EXTERNAL ASSISTANCE,
EQUIPMENT AND TRAINING OF PEOPLES ARMED FORCES. IF
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